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Board grants leave of absence to Plante

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The Selectmen met on August 24 with only three members present. Absent was Jude Cristo, who was out of town on business, and Gerry Bleau. No reason was given for Bleau's absence by Vice-Chairman Donald Gauthier who ran the meeting.

The first issue discussed by the Board concerned a request for a leave of absence for Evelyn Plante, newly appointed town collector, from her position as Principal Clerk in the Auditor's office. The item was tabled at the August 10th meeting by the Board but was not an item listed on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Gauthier noted that the Board just received the resignation of David Cofske, effective August 29, 1993. Cofske was appointed Tax Collector by the Board last May, following the retirement of former town collector Marie Collachio. The Board accepted Cofske's resignation on a 3-0 vote.

Plante was appointed July 27, 1993 despite the fact that the Board had not yet received Cofske's resignation. At that time, the Board had agreed to a starting date of August 23 for Plante.

It has been a practice of the Board not to make appointments until a letter of resignation has been received by the person holding the position in question. When asked if this was a case of starting a new approach to a past practice, Gauthier replied, "It is a new approach."

Gauthier asked for consideration of a motion to set an effective date for Plante of August 30, 1993. "Out of necessity we are going to have to do this," he said.

The Board also received a copy of a letter from Town Auditor Roger Picard to Plante, dated August 10, 1993, saying he was approving her request for a leave of absence effective August 23, 1993 until the next annual town election in 1994.

Selectman Roland Lachance then said he would be remiss if he just passed over a letter from Robert Odgren, Business agent for Local 495. He referred to a paragraph in the letter which stated, "The union wishes to express their appreciation to the Board (Selectmen) for having the courage and wisdom to seek the expertise required of this position from within the bargaining unit."

"I don't think it was us who asked for this opinion," Lachance said. "That opinion should have come from the person who applied for this position (Plante). It should have been said, 'Yes, I am in the union. I need union approval to make an exception to the contract.' I would like to know who on this Board asked for this opinion?"

Part time Administrative Assistant Earl Chase acknowledged that he contacted Town Counsel "as it appeared an issue was coming up that the Board couldn't act upon without some comments from labor counsel."

Gauthier said he made the original motion to appoint Plante because he felt she was qualified for the position because she had worked in the town hall for 23 years.

Lachance said he wasn't questioning Plante's integrity, just where Chase received direction to contact town counsel.

"We the Board," Lachance said, "Why should we seek clarification for this position if in fact she doesn't get elected? That's not up to us, that's up to the individual that is applying for the job."

He then referred to an article that appeared in the August 19th edition of the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle. "It says here that the Board in fact adopted language developed by labor counsel for Local 495 to be sent to Local 495."

The letter referred to by Lachance stated in part, "The Board of Selectmen wishes to confirm that if Evelyn Plante is granted an unpaid leave of absence from her current position of Principal Clerk from August 22 to April 27, 1984, Local 495 agrees that such a leave will be treated as an authorized leave of absence for purposes of Article II of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and the Agreement will not be interpreted or construed to prohibit such a leave, notwithstanding Article 30 of the Agreement or any other provision of the Agreement. The granting of this leave of absence will be without prejudice to any future case, and will be without precedent to any other matter."

"Our labor counsel? I don't think that direction should have come from us," Lachance said.

He then asked about filling Plante's position in the Auditor's office. "How about the position that is going to be created on a part time basis? Is this person going to be required to join the union or pay an agency fee, and if uneventful things happen where Mrs. Plante doesn't get elected, what happens to that position? If they are not retained in that position, are they going to file a grievance? Or if we let her go are we going to pay her for unemployment compensation?"

"You would pay compensation," Chase replied.

Gauthier asked Union Representative Bob Odgren to comment on the payment of dues.

Odgren replied that a person taking a position within the bargaining unit has an option of paying dues or an agency fee which covers expenses for collective bargaining "from which they benefit and enjoy as a result of collective bargaining while a member of that unit," he said.

Lachance asked what will happen if the position is terminated. "Would there be a grievance from the unit?"

Odgren replied that the position is not being terminated. "The person in that position who would have the least amount of seniority," he said, "such as a new employee in the bargaining unit would be the first to go. Plante would enjoy her rights of seniority within the bargaining unit. And if the other

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Special Town Meeting set for September 13 in Sutton

By Alec G. Belisle

SUTTON - Chairwoman Mary K. Connor called the August 24 meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:30 PM. Present for the meeting were Wally Johnson, Dana Gravison, and James Gvazdauskas. Selectman Rick LaBonte, the selectmen's representative on the Town Administrator Screening Committee, was attending an interview with a candidate for the position.

Beginning with the Workshop session, the board discussed a complaint of noise which was sent to the board August 16 by Isabelle and Linda Nelson. According to their complaint, a Mr. Therrien, the new owner of the Sutton Falls Campground, has on several occasions provided Karaoke as entertainment for his campers. The Nelsons, whose letter stated they are a quarter of a mile from Sutton Falls, claim they can hear the noise clearly from their driveway. The letter states that, after responding to their complaint about the noise, Sergeant Donald Conley stopped in their driveway and confirmed that the noise was excessive. He then went to Sutton Falls and shut the Karaoke down before 11:00 PM. They suggested that Karaoke be shut down at 10:00 PM.

Interim Town Administrator Clayton Carlisle provided the selectmen with a copy of the police report of the incident.

Selectman Wally Johnson said he spoke to Therrien who said he had talked with Mr. Bouthiellette, the owner of King's Campground which is adjacent to Sutton Falls, whose campers are also disturbed by the noise. In that conversation, Johnson said Therrien has agreed to stop the Karaoke at 11:00 PM. Johnson said he feels the owners have settled the problem between themselves.

Carlisle suggested the board make 11:00 PM "quiet hours" a condition of the license. The Karaoke activity at Sutton Falls is not open to the public and is provided solely for the amusement of the campers.

Connor asked that Therrien be sent a letter stating that 11:00 PM would be "quiet hours" with the Karaoke stopping at that time.

Wilkinsonville Water Billing

Carlisle informed the board that the Wilkinsonville Water District Billing Program, a

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Discipline Concerns top Committee Discussion

By Edward J. Cooney

SUTTON - The Millbury School Committee met for the first time since last June, with all members present: Chairman Chet Hanratty, Jane Pojani, Barbara Tuttle, Alan Marble, and Tom Clawson.

The Committee started the meeting discussing with music teacher and band director Michael Nagy the band's revolving account and procedures for accountability.

Pojani asked most of the questions relative to receipts and expenditures.

Nagy said monies earned are used for trip expenses for the band members and monies received from parades are used to buy equipment, pay for competition fees and expenses like uniforms that are not covered in the regular budget. All checks are made out to Millbury High School and all receipts go into the band revolving account. Any monies expended must be requested through the office. Checks are signed by the principal or assistant principal.

Superintendent Richard Palermo remarked that there is now better accountability, which Pojani noted was what she was looking for. She asked for the balance in the account to which Nagy replied that there was a change over the summer as additional receipts brought the balance up to $1837.66.

Pojani asked if the funds Nagy sought for a trip to Virginia he took last spring to check out facilities and arrangements for a band competition could not have come from the band revolving account rather than the school budget?

Nagy replied that he preferred that money be used for the band members and not for him.

Pojani said that if it is necessary to cut the budget, then some of the funds might come from the revolving account instead.

Nagy said equipment replacement is expensive. Some are useable items like drum sticks, he said, which last only for a few months.

Pojani asked if it would be a problem to let the committee know in a simple form as to what supplies are bought and needed. Nagy said that would be no problem. He also noted that some items are a one time expense.

Pojani said she had in mind a form similar to one used for the athletic budget so the committee could go back 5 years or so to see what the needs are. "There is no accountability on our part as to what equipment stays up or whether it's good equipment," she said. Hanratty noted that there are about 27-28 revolving accounts at the high school and, "based upon what occurred last year (with the medical supplies for the athletic department)," he said, "maybe we should be taking a look each month at these accounts, one at a time."

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From the Editor's Desk...

Ludicrous Indeed!

Rep. Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) was recently quoted in an August 5th T&G article as branding Governor Weld's proposed $207 million state tax cut "ludicrous."

After reading Mr. Kollios' arguments against the tax cuts and seeing that he and a "score" of other legislative leaders are wearing tax protest pins directed at Weld which read "liar liar pants on fire" and "the emperor has no clothes," it would appear that the term "ludicrous" applies more aptly to Mr. Kollios and his cohorts. These Massachusetts legislators are an embarrassment to their constituents and must surely be the laughing of stock of the nation for resorting to such childish and inane measures.

The Democrat-controlled legislature in Massachusetts refused to accept any responsibility for the financial state of the Commonwealth that regressed under the leadership of Governor Michael Dukakis and his cronies on Beacon Hill.

Governor Weld's initiatives seem to have finally begun to turn the economy of this state around - a fact that sticks in the craw of every entrenched Beacon Hill Democrat.

Mr. Kollios actually tried to lay the blame for society's ills upon the Governor while puffing himself up as the great defender of the poor and the downtrodden - ludicrous indeed!

Had legislators not mismanaged the taxpayers' money in the first place there would have been far fewer business closings and far fewer people out of work.

When Mr. Kollios holds his public hearings on the impact of state budget cuts needed to support a tax cut, let him provide the taxpayers with some concrete evidence to support his innuendos that child abuse and domestic and teen violence can be staved off by denying taxpayers a tax cut

The poor, the abused, the downtrodden are constantly used by self-serving politicians to continue partisan politics; they deserve much better, the 7th Worcester District deserves much better.

A commendation

Millbury resident Sylvio Bourdeau has been calling elected officials to task on a number of issues recently. While you may disagree with some of his tactics, while you may tire of the repetitiveness of his arguments, while you may think he is nitpicking on a number of issues, there are several facts with which you cannot disagree - Mr. Bourdeau does his homework, studies the laws of the Commonwealth, and is not afraid to go against "the powers that be."

It takes enormous courage to stand up for what is right, to go against politics as usual, to demand accountability from elected officials.

For his dogged perseverance and courage, Mr. Bourdeau should be commended.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Millbury-Sutton Chronicle welcomes Letters to the Editor. However, because of space limitations, letters should be limited to no more than 300 words. We reserve the right to edit any letter in excess of that amount. Name, address, phone number, and signature must be included for verification purposes. Letters not containing all of the above will not be printed.

Because of the time it takes to verify signatures, those letters with multiple signatures will have only one name listed.

Letter writers should determine which name that will be. We will include the number of other signatures on the letter. Letter writers are limited to one submission per month. No guarantee is made on a date of publication. Letters from outside the Millbury-Sutton area will be printed, space permitting.

We The People...

Support Unity Park Committee

To the Editor:

A group of concerned citizens from Wilkinsonville approached the Recreation Commission (Spring, 1991) in regards to a piece of property in Wilkinsonville. They were interested in this property for a recreational area for a playground.

The Commission backed these people at the Town Meeting (October) so that we could obtain this area. This vote took place and the Recreation Commission received this property under their jurisdiction.

A Committee had been formed in October of 1991. They came up with a name of "Unity Park." This committee had been formed strictly on a volunteer basis and the people who have stayed with the original committee deserve praise for getting this playground where it is today.

The people who have remained on this committee have undertaken the biggest effort in developing the area for this playground. They came before the Recreation Commission for guidance and any approvals required to make the playground safe.

Elaine Wilson, Joseph Hospod, Sue Chamberlain, Paul Noel, Dave Chamberlain and Pat Noel have stayed through this entire battle of problems that they had to face on a daily basis. They not only came to the Recreation Commission but also the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Earth Removal Board, Conservation Commission as well as the Inspector of Buildings for advisement.

On August 24, 1993 the Selectmen received a letter from another group of concerned citizens who desire to start the "New Unity Park Committee." Under the advisement of the Recreation Committee, they were told that the original committee is still active. They voiced their concerns over the fence that is to be constructed around the playground. The Recreation Commission had told them that there is a safety issue that they will check into pertaining to the construction of the fencing around the playground if there are any height requirements.

Elaine Wilson is Treasurer for the Recreation Commission. Whenever it had been brought to the attention of the Commission that the Unity Park wished to discuss something with the Board, Elaine had and will always abstain from the current discussion, so that there would not be a conflict of interest. Furthermore, the work that this committee has done for Sutton has been a great benefit to the Town as well as giving the children a safe area in which to play.

Sally Benoit, Secretary
Board of Recreation
Sutton

Savings at what cost

To the Editor:

On May 2, 1992, the Board of Selectmen in Millbury voted to change the Veterans Agents status from full-time to part time which was a direct violation of the Acts of 1972, Ch. 471 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth. If Millbury's Agent had been appointed to his position prior to the enactment of the Acts of 1972 Ch. 471, he would have been grandfathered. However, he did not qualify for part time status.

Mr. Thomas Dunford, former Veterans Agent, attempted to bring this to the attention of the Board of Selectmen several times. He tried again at the May 4, Annual Town Meeting. Even though Town Counsel, John Giorgio and State Rep. Paul Kollios were in attendance, neither came forward to qualify Mr. Dunford's statements which were based on the General Laws.

Mr. Giorgio had a responsibility, as a court officer, to inform the Selectmen they were wrong. Especially after Mr. Cristo, Chairman, admitted to violating the General laws without showing any remorse or concern. Rep. Kollios had the same responsibility as a member of the General Court after he heard the admission of violation of the General Laws. Only after the Commissioner of Veterans Services, Thomas Hudner, Jr., was called into the picture did Rep. Kollios decide to get involved in order to save face with the Veterans.

Not only Veterans are affected, but so are their widows and children. The accessibility of a Veterans Agent for the needs of those they must serve by general law is quite obvious. This need is not met when a Veterans Agent's accessible hours are cut from 37 1/2 to 8 or 12.

Why doesn't Rep. Kollios consider Veterans Benefits on the same level as Human Services, which it is by General law. Of course, Veterans benefits providers are not contracted with through the State Department of Human Services.

Lastly, Mr. Dunford should be the drum major of this parade for he is the one who has pushed for a resolution of this problem for over 15 months and not Rep. Kollios, who has dragged his feet.

Sylvio E. Bourdeau
Millbury

Obituaries

Viola A. Snow

MILLBURY - Viola A. Snow, 60, of 12 High Street, died August 22nd in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, after a long illness.

She leaves her sister, Therese L. Snow, with whom she lived; a nephew and several cousins. Another sister, Bernice E. Chevannes of Cortland, NY, died in 1977. She was born in Millbury, a daughter of the late Clarence J. and Georgianna (Dion) Snow. Mrs. Snow died May 13th.

Ms. Snow was a graduate of Millbury High School and lived here for most of her life. She was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War and was a Sergeant when she was discharged.

Ms. Snow was an electronic data processing operator for 13 years for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue in Westborough, retiring in 1991. Previously, she was a secretary for the Millbury Police Department for seven years. Before that, she was a clerical worker at the former South Works, U.S. Steel Corp., in Worcester where she worked for 12 years.

She was a member of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish.

The funeral was held August 25th from Turgeon Funeral Home, 64 Main Street, with a Funeral Mass in Our Lady of the Assumption Church. Burial followed in St. Brigid's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 7 Oak Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

Jeannette V. Gagliardi

MILLBURY - Jeannette V. (Lachapelle) Gagliardi, 84, of 127 Main St., died August 21st in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, after a long illness.

Her husband, George P. Gagliardi Sr., died in 1989. She leaves two sons, Frank J. Gagliardi and George P. Gagliardi Jr., two daughters, Janis R. Corey and Grace M. Laflash, all of Millbury; two brothers, Harold and Russell Lachapelle, both of St. Petersburg, Florida; one sister, Sr. Beatrice Lachapelle with the sisters of the Assumption in Petersham; 15 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; one great great granddaughter; nieces and nephews. She was born in Millbury, daughter of Noah and Antonia (Lamoureux) Lachapelle and has lived here all her life.

Mrs. Gagliardi was a member of St. Brigid's Church.

The funeral was held August 24th from Mulhane Home for Funerals, 45 Main St., with a Mass in St. Brigid's Church. Burial was in St. Brigid's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the District Nursing Society Inc., 123 Elm St., P.O. Box 45, Millbury, MA 01527.

Anna A. Kinniery

MILLBURY - Anna Agnes Kinniery, 93, of the Donna Kay Rest Home, 16 Marble St., Worcester, formerly of Millbury, died August 25th in the Medical Center of Central Massachusetts-Hahnemann, Worcester.

She leaves cousins, including George F. McInerny III of Sutton, Joseph P. McInerny of Upton, John D. McInerny of Barre and Carol M. Cooney, all of Millbury. She was born in Millbury, daughter of Thomas and Annie (Callahan) Kinniery and was a life long resident of Millbury, until moving to Worcester in 1992. She graduated from Millbury High School and Worcester Normal School. She received a Masters Degree in Education from Clark University in Worcester.

Miss Kinniery was an elementary school teacher for the Worcester Public School Department for 40 years and taught at the former Lamartine Street School for most of that time. After her retirement from Worcester schools, she was a substitute teacher in Millbury for a number of years. She was a lifelong member of St. Brigid's Church.

The funeral was held August 28th from Mulhane Home For Funerals, 45 Main St., with a Mass in St. Brigid's Church, 59 Main St. Burial in St. Brigid's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Maintenance

The Committee met with the Director of Maintenance and Grounds, Tom Hamilton, who presented a list of projects completed over the summer.

Pojani reviewed areas of concerns such as the tennis courts at the high school.

Hamilton attributed some problems there to asphalt having been laid over the previous court. He said frost heaves have caused the cracks to widen even after his men patch them.

Pojani noted that a similar problem exists at Elmwood in the play area, which Hamilton said will be patched.

Hamilton said that Windle field is in pretty good shape, and he remarked that the carnival didn't hurt the condition of the fields this year.

Pojani suggested that at Elmwood, seeded areas could be fertilized again in the spring. Hamilton said that would be done. He also noted that blacktopped areas should be recoated every 3-4 years.

Pojani also expressed concerns with keeping the buildings up. Hamilton said he would be available to go around and look at the buildings with any committee member.

Hamilton also reported that the back rooms are being cleaned out in the shop areas. One room is being considered as a cable t.v. studio and another would make a good work area for maintenance.

Pojani suggested that problems related to some damage that might have been caused by an adult ed class at the Shaw School gym be given another look to see if any of the custodial help can document what might have happened. She also asked if ash trays have been removed from the schools since there is now a "no smoking" policy in effect.

Hamilton said both issues will be looked at and a policy change for facility use relating to damage will be reviewed.

Summer School Policy

The Committee, on the recommendation of Palermo and High School Principal Stephen Mills, approved the third reading of the Summer School Eligibility Policy. One specific change is that a student who fails a regular school year course will need an average of at least 45 to be eligible to attend summer school. In order to pass a summer course, that student must obtain an average of 90. The previous criteria was 40-100.

Mills said he discussed the matter with the Summer School Director and checked the policies of other communities before the final changes were made. He also noted that he was informed by staff members at the high school that the regular school curriculum is geared for all students to pass if they have good attendance and do their homework.

The Summer School Director also will have discretionary powers for extenuating circumstances in the summer program.

Class Sizes

Mills reviewed the latest figures for class sizes and said they are by no means final as changes can be expected because of summer school attendance. The issue of working up a master schedule for both staff and teachers is one of the most important tasks a principal has to deal with, he said. "It also is a difficult task as changes in one area can have an effect in other subject areas as a small school can only offer so many courses and still have a class size that will meet the class size policy," said Mills.

Mills said a couple of areas need to be looked at as classes may have to be combined, but, overall, most classes are within the class size requirement. He said he expects a clearer updated picture sometime in September after students make some changes in their schedules.

In response to a question by Marble related to two teachers who are not teaching the contracted number of classes, Mills said they could possibly be used in other areas, if certified.

The Committee unanimously voted to approve Palermo's recommendation to add a half kindergarten teacher and aide for an afternoon class to meet a desirable class size for entering youngsters. The additional staffing will lower the present class size for incoming kindergartners to 21 students per class. There will be six other sections.

Reorganization

The Committee spent some time listening to arguments from Richard Luikey, his brother Robert Luikey, Shaw School teacher Mary Ann Dube and MTA President Tom Murray to retain the position of administrative assistant held by Richard Luikey at the Shaw School. The position was considered for elimination during last year's budget deliberations.

Palermo, acting on the Committee's concerns for reorganization of the administrative alignment, proposed eliminating the administrative assistant positions at the Shaw School and the Elmwood St. School and instead instituting the positions of two head teachers, one each for Shaw and Elmwood, and an expanded team leader position for the Elmwood St School. Palermo's recommendations were adopted on a 4-1 vote with Clawson opposed. The Committee will hire two head teachers at a stipend of $1500 each and one team leader for K-2 at a stipend of $2475.

Palermo said there is a strong teaching staff at each school and the staff can move up a level to become more actively involved in developing a coordinated effort to resolve discipline problems and meet the needs of students, thus eliminating the two administrative assistant positions.

Palermo said the two head teachers would fill in for short periods of time when the Principal is out of the building. Other times they will work before and after school to call in substitutes when needed and handle bus duties. When the principal is out of the building, the head teachers also will take over duties such as monitoring and handling discipline, taking phone calls from parents and assisting teachers as needed.

The team leader at Elmwood St. will have expanded responsibilities in curriculum. The stipend for that position will be $2475 and the stipend for the two head teachers will amount to $1500 apiece.

Marble then asked whether the number of discipline referrals mentioned at the June meeting had been investigated? "Were there a few students involved like 30 or so with multiple disciplines or were they spread out," he asked.

Luikey said there is a core of students who come up more and more. He also said the number of discipline slips mentioned last June, 272, does not reflect all discipline cases as some teachers, after trying several different approaches in the classroom, will often send a student to the office without a slip. "I talk to them for awhile and then send them back," he said. "If all of them got a slip, the number would be up,"

Luikey also said there are third graders who are getting disciplines which may be reflective of imitating fifth graders. "I don't know the significance of the numbers," he said. He did suggest that when there was a seventh grade at the Shaw School, the numbers were up in the 1100-1200 area. "It is about a difference of 800 less now," said Luikey. "Based on a figure of 180 school days, that would be about one referral per day. We are trying to get kids to respect each other."

Marble said that whatever strategies are being used, it appears they are not working.

Tuttle said it was reported that there were incidents in the hallways that contribute to disciplines. "The numbers reported are absurd for third to sixth graders," she said. "Are teachers in charge of monitoring the hallways?"

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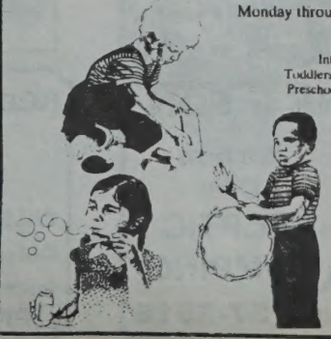

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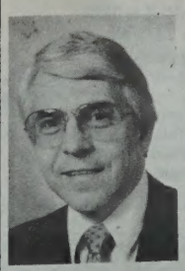

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Pee Wee Basketball Meeting

MILLBURY - A meeting for Pee Wee Basketball coaches will be held Thursday, September 16, at the Shaw School Cafeteria at 7 p.m. to discuss the upcoming season.

Millbury Camp Fire

MILLBURY - Millbury Camp fire will hold registration for new members September 7 through September 15. K-2 students at Elmwood Street School and Assumption School will be receiving an information flyer. If you need additional information, call Nancy Cassista at 865-3144, Beth Keenan at 865-0405, or Pam Ashmankas at 798-2828. All interested boys and girls are invited to join.

Assessments are in

MILLBURY - The Millbury Board of Assessors has recently received certification of values for Fiscal Year 1994. September 3, 1993 through September 17, 1993, the new proposed values will be available. Anyone interested in obtaining their proposed assessment is asked to call 865-4732 or to stop by the office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Named to Dean's List

SYRACUSE, NY - Matthew R. Dube, son of Mary Anne Dube of Millbury and Robert R. Dube of Worcester, has been named to the Dean's List of the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University for the Spring 1993 semester.

Dube, a 1993 graduate of Syracuse University, also graduated from St. John's High School, Shrewsbury in 1990. He is now entered into the Master of Arts program at Western Michigan State University at Kalamazoo.

School Committee Meetings

MILLBURY - The Millbury School Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, will begin at 6:30 p.m. rather than 7 p.m. at the High School Media Center.

The School Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, will also begin at 6:30 p.m. and will take place at the Shaw School Media Center.

The School Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 27, will begin at 6:30 in the Elmwood Street School Media Center.

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Invitation from Sutton Library

SUTTON - The Sutton Public Library invites the public to an Open House on Saturday, September 11, from 10 a.m. to noon.

According to Joanne N. Donnelly, Library Director, the students and teachers of Blackstone Valley Regional Technical High School have done a wonderful job expanding the library another 1000 square feet.

"We now have restrooms, a Young Adult Area and an Audio-Visual/Meeting room, places that didn't exist before," Donnelly said. "Come take part in our celebration of the results of five years' planning and work."

The space was designed by Larking Tenney Architects of Cambridge, funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the people of the Town of Sutton.

Breakfast at the Chasm

SUTTON - The First Congregational Church of Sutton will hold its 40th annual labor Day Breakfast at Purgatory Chasm on Monday, September 6, from 7-9 a.m. Enjoy a hearty breakfast of buttermilk pancakes, ham, home fries, eggs, muffins, cornbread, juice & coffee in the rugged terrain of Purgatory Chasm. Tickets may be purchased at the church office (865-6914) or at the chasm on the 6th. Tickets are $4.00 for adults, $1.50 for preteens. There is no charge for children 5 and under.

Moore's Office Hours

BOSTON - Rep. Richard T. Moore (D-Uxbridge) will hold office hours in Sutton on Thursday, September 16, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Manchaug Library. No appointment is necessary.

Ham & Bean Supper

SUTTON - The First Congregational Church of Sutton will host a Ham and Bean Supper on Saturday, September 4, with continuous sittings from 5-7 p.m. This family-style dinner will also include homemade bread, cole slaw and skillet fries. Tickets are $6.00 for adults, $2.00 for pre-teens. There is no charge for children 5 and under.

Annual Flea Market

MILLBURY - The Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Church on West Main Street will hold its annual flea market in the church vestry on Saturday, September 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Fellowship will sponsor a Bakery Shop and Used Jewelry Table. Refreshments, consisting of hot dogs, doughnuts, and beverages, will be available. To reserve table space, call 865-5371 as soon as possible.

All aboard for Fellowship outing

SUTTON - The Women's Fellowship of Sutton will hold its annual fall outing on Thursday, September 23. The day will include a luncheon and train ride on the Ware River Line Scenic Train. This will provide an opportunity to enjoy the New England landscape aboard restored 1920 passenger coaches through the Ware River Valley.

The Fellowship will leave at 10:30 a.m. from the First Congregational Church parking lot by way of car-pooling to Ware. The approximate return time is 4 p.m.

The public is invited to the outing. The cost is $25.00 per person and will include the train ride, lunch, tax and tip. A non-refundable deposit of $12.50 is due before September 9th. The remainder will be due the morning of the trip.

Ladies of the club are asked to see their individual team captains with their deposits. All others are asked to call Diane Burke at 865-9240 or Betty Hodgman at 865-5969 for reservations.

School Lunch Menu

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6-10
MILLBURY HIGH SCHOOL
MONDAY: Labor Day
TUESDAY: Link Sausages, French Toast Stix, FF, Applesauce
WEDNESDAY: juice, submarine sandwich, let. & tom., FF, fruit
THURSDAY: spaghetti/meatballs, FF, green beans, garlic bread, pudding
FRIDAY: Fish Nuggets, FF, Peas, Pan Roll/Butter, Ice Cram
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
MONDAY: Labor Day
TUESDAY: Chicken Nuggets, FF, Corn, Pan Roll/Butter, Pudding
WEDNESDAY: Juice, Submarine Sandwich, Potato Chips, Fruit
THURSDAY: juice, ravioli/meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, cake
FRIDAY: Juice, Pizza, Tossed Salad, Rice Krispie Square

Worcester Women's Network

WORCESTER - Worcester Women's Network will meet September 8 at 6 p.m. at Clarion Suites Hotel, Worcester. Guest speaker Valla Dana, a TV host, will talk on Networking Tips for Women. For reservations or information, call 751-8907.

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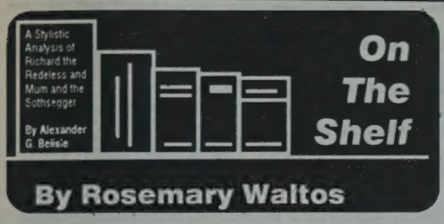

By Rosemary Waltos

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR: Sign up your preschooler for either our Wednesday or Thursday morning story hour that starts in October. This series lasts approximately eight weeks. Call the library for exact times and dates. **In person registration is necessary. Registration starts on Wednesday, September 22 at 10 a.m. in the library.**

FROM ABC'S TO ZEN: BOOKS FOR ALL AGES and FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL MEETING, Thursday, September 23 at 6:30. Directly following the Friends annual meeting, Elaine Loehmann and Karen Beaudoin present the book talk "From ABC'S to ZEN." Treat yourself to this informative and entertaining program covering a wide variety of interesting book titles available to readers of all ages. Early shoppers will appreciate this as a great preview for holiday gift giving ideas. Refreshments will be served.

BOOK AND BAKE SALE, Saturday, September 25, 9 a.m. to Noon, rain or shine. Choose from hundreds of paperback and hardcover fiction and nonfiction titles. Don't leave without something homebaked for dessert. (Baked goods donations welcome.)

WORD PROCESSING FOR ADULTS. A basic word processing on easy-to-use PFS FIRST CHOICE software on an IBM compatible computer. Course is held in a small group setting. Call for dates, time and to register.

Call 865-1181 for program information and registration.

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COMING UP IN OCTOBER: SPEND AN EVENING WITH AWARD WINNING MYSTERY WRITER JACK O'CONNELL TALKING ABOUT MYSTERY WRITERS AND WORK ON Oct. 15.

ON OCT. 22 MEET NATURALIST PHOTOGRAPHER JACK SWEDBERG AS HE DISCUSSES HIS WORK IN THE BOOK, THINK LIKE AN EAGLE.

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Calendar

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SUTTON - The Sutton Historical Society will sponsor a Flea Market from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Blacksmith Ship, Singletary Avenue.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

SUTTON - The Sutton Historical Society will meet at the General Rufus Putnam Hall at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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MILLBURY - The Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Church on West Main Street is sponsoring its annual Flea Market from 9 AM to 2 PM.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

MILLBURY - The Millbury Women's Club will meet at the First Congregational Church, West Main Street. A mini-lunch at noon will be followed by a presentation by NEADS of West Boylston, a nonprofit service that trains and places assistance dogs to help people who are deaf or mobility disabled. Public invited.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

MILLBURY - A meeting for Pee Wee Basketball coaches will be held at the Shaw School Cafeteria at 7 p.m.

Arts Council trip to Museum

MILLBURY - The Millbury Arts Council has planned a trip for Saturday, October 2, to the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, and to the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute in Williamstown. The trip will depart at 8 a.m. from the Millbury Public Library parking lot and return between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. Millbury residents (adults only) are invited.

There is no charge for the bus, but each person will be responsible for the entrance fee to the Rockwell Museum ($8.00) and for lunch. Admission is free at the Clark Institute.

Members of the Arts Council will be at the Millbury Public Library on August 20 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. to accept registrations, which must be done in person. A $5.00 deposit is necessary. This will be refunded on the day of the trip.

Volunteer Opportunities

WORCESTER - Y.O.U. Inc. is currently offering internship and volunteer opportunities for students and others interested in working with troubled adolescents. The Court Volunteers' Volunteer Probation Officer Program is scheduled to begin soon. For more information on the internships and volunteer opportunities available through Y.O.U., Inc., call the Court Volunteers office at Worcester Juvenile Court at 755-3620.

Cooperative Education

UPTON - Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School announced that senior students are available to participate in the Cooperative Education Program of the 1993-94 school year. Seniors in this program spend a two week cycle with an employer and then return to school for two weeks. This alternating schedule continues until graduation.

To be eligible for the program, students must maintain passing grades in all subjects, be recommended by their shop department head, and demonstrate exemplary behavior and attendance while in school.

Co-op employers must sign a training agreement with the school, provide Workers Compensation Insurance and pay at least the Federal minimum wage to the students. Students must work at least 30 hours a week. Any company or business interested in participating should call the school at 529-7758, ext. 228.

Transfer Station Notice

MILLBURY - The Millbury Transfer Station will be closed the day after Labor Day, Tuesday, September 7, and every Tuesday following a Monday or Sunday Holiday.

Bike-A-Thon for St. Jude's

MILLBURY - A Bike-A-Thon to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital will be held on September 12 with a rain date of September 19. This event is sponsored by the Charles F. Minney V.F.W. Post 3329 and the Ladies Auxiliary.

Anyone who has not been asked to sponsor a bicycle rider and would like to help is invited to "Come on Down" and make a donation at the post pavilion on the day of the ride. Have a cup of coffee and at the same time help someone who was unable to get enough sponsors to get both a shirt and a sportsbag. If possible, make your donations by check payable to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Sponsor sheets are still available if you would like to ride in the Bike-A-Thon. Thirty dollars in donations earns a shirt and $75 entitles you to both the shirt and the sportsbag.

Sponsor sheets are available at the V.F.W. Lounge on South Main Street and at most stores displaying the Bike-A-Thon sign. For more information, call any of the following numbers: 753-3382, 865-6884, 865-2371, 865-5721, 865-4342, 865-4801.

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Another Point of View

Has Government Spending Helped?

By Lawrence Moore

Rotten at the core! Is that a justifiable assessment of American society today?

Many will rise to challenge, and will point to all the good we enjoy: cable TV, cars, pocket telephones and pocket pagers, good homes in good neighborhoods in good suburbs, beautiful public buildings and public schools, a booming stock market, two jobs and two cars in every family.....our parents never had it so good.

Many will feel we're doing pretty darn well...on the whole. Oh yes, economically we're in a bit of a crunch, but we've always come out of it O.K. Even the Red Sox are doing better, and that's a leading indicator. The Patriots? They don't even belong to us; they're the "New England" Patriots, so they don't count.

Subconsciously each of us has chosen as mentor Dr. Feelgood. We may have vague misgivings about many things, but Dr. Feelgood says "Look at the bright side." Sure the Legislature is a case, but our men in Boston are good guys. Why, just look at the great education reform bill just passed. Look at all the money we're going to get.....IF we find some matching money in our already strained town budgets. Always seems to be an "IF", doesn't there?

Just look at all the money the government is spending on us: billions and billions on all the good things we need and the extra things we want. That must be contributing to a better society, a better place to rear families, a better place to seek happiness and fulfillment.

NOT!

Bill Bennett, former Education Secretary and Drug Czar, and Jack Kemp, former U.S. Representative and HUD Secretary, co-chair Empower America, a movement seeking to bring light to America's problems, to search out causes, and to seek solutions. In March, Bennett published a study of the last 30 years of social decomposition. The report is shocking!

Since 1960 population has increased 41%. Gross Domestic Product has almost tripled, and (in constant 1990 dollars) social spending has increased five-fold. Welfare spending has increased 630% and education 225%. Was there any benefit?

There has been a 560% increase in crime, a 400% increase in illegitimate births, divorces quadrupled, children in single-family homes tripled. There has been a 200% increase in teen age suicides, and a drop of 80 points in S.A.T. scores. We were sure on the track in the spending of that money, weren't we!

With a population increase of 41% since 1960, violent crimes increased 500% and total crimes 300%, while the median sentence for serious crimes decreased from 22.5 days to 8.0 days! Juvenile arrests quadrupled, but only 5% of juvenile offenders are tried as adults. Penalties are so light that, as the Wall Street Journal reported, "the juvenile offender doesn't get the message that crime doesn't pay."

One child in eight is raised on welfare, one child in five lives in poverty. While the infant mortality rate has dropped, it is higher than in 23 other developed countries, 200% higher than in Japan. Annually there are over one million unmarried teen-age pregnancies leading to 406,000 abortions.

Since 1960 illegitimate births have increased 400%, 28% of all births. One in four pregnancies ends in abortion.

Child abuse since 1975 had increased an estimated four times. Since 1960 teen suicide has more than tripled and is now third as the cause of death after motor and other accidents.

The marriage rate for women has dropped by a third, while the divorce rate has doubled. Less than 60% of all children today are living with their biological, married parents. The percent of children living in single-parent homes has increased from 9.1% in 1960 to 28.6% today. The percentage of children living with both biological parents has dropped from 78% to 57%, children living with two parents from 88% to 73% while those living with a mother only has increased from 8% to 22%.

In 1960 we spent, on average, $2,035 per student, in 1990 $5,247 per student. S.A.T. scores have dropped more than 80 points. High school drop-out rates are an encouraging statistic, falling from 39.3% in 1960 to 12.1% in 1990.

The use of hard drugs has fallen from the peaks of 1981, but alcohol use has dropped, since 1975, only from 90.4% to 88.0%

Since 1960, household T.V. watching has increased from an average of 5.06 hours per day in 1960 to 7.07 hours in 1992.

The government has not skimped on social spending, which increased from 6.73% of the Gross National Product in 1960 to 14.40% of GNP in 1990, welfare spending increased from 1.4% to 3.9%, and public education expenditures increased from $63.8 billion to $207.6 billion. We, the people, have paid for it. Families with children have seen their taxes, as a percentage of income, increase from 4% in 1950 to 12% in 1960, to 16% in 1970, and to 24% in 1980, where they held until 1990.

Throwing money at our social problems has not helped. Increasing taxes has not resulted in a better society. Continuing along our present path can only lead to more misery and more suffering, and eventually to an increasingly devastating effect on our entire society. We must realize that our society has a rotten core. We must find out why and we must undertake a cure. We have a problem, and government spending has not only not helped, it seems to have made things worse.

HERE . . . THERE . . . EVERYWHERE

Bits 'n Pieces

. . . Joe Morin

GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS TO ONE AND ALL!

Vacations are over, the heat continues, they're raising Cain all over the world, high water, no water, gasoline taxes are going up, the church and laity are at odds, tough all around, isn't it? But it do make for an interesting life, don't it? HA! Never a dull moment. Hey, that's what keeps us going! Ya never know what's going to happen day to day!

With all the hullabaloo going on, the oppressive heat, I bought a seedless watermelon, cut it up, took it out in the backyard, sunk me gums into the cool, refreshing red velvet-like melon and just closed me eyes, relaxed. Thank You Lord, for this time out, this refreshing watermelon! You're A.O.K. in my book! I guess it's the little things in life we appreciate most, isn't it...a refreshing swim, a cool crispy salad, a light breeze off the lake, yogurt ice cream, and a cold, cold beer...ya don't have to be a millionaire to enjoy all these, do you?

JUST HAVE TO TELL YOU THIS ONE

Me old clock radio alarm was on the fritz. Checked me cabinet, found one, hadn't used it for a while. Set it up to get me out of bed for an early hour. So far, so good. You see, this alarm comes with a sound generator, a rooster sound generator. Ya get the picture?

In place of setting the sound alarm, dopey me set up the Rooster Sound! Friends, I'm a telling you, when he started to "crow" that morning at 4 a.m. all hell broke loose. PeeWee me mutt jumped off the bed, ran to the window, not knowing what the heck was going on! A barking and a yelping! Saw some lights go on across the lake! Chaos at the Morin residence. Thought the cops would be next a-knocking at my

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door, you know, disturbing the peace! The worst part of it all, the longer the rooster alarm "crows," the louder it gets. Mon Dieu! Such a commotion, such a dilemma! Ya know where that old rooster is now? Give you one guess! I now have a "Railroad Crossing" alarm! Ayupp! Am hesitant in setting this one up, it would mean chaos in this area for sure! Madre Mia!

Cock-a-doodle-doo! Nyet!

BORROWED QUOTABLES

"That money does not belong to the Congress. That money belongs to the taxpayers, and I would like to see them get it back." - Rep. P. Blute.

C'mon Peter, don't be so naive!

"The present system of financing campaigns breeds a climate of corruption in Massachusetts." - Common Cause.

Hey, You guys just find that out? Where have you been all these years.

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"UNDECIDED NOW, BUT WHAT AM I GONNA DO?"

Former Mayor Flynn out of Beantown way must have sung that song before he decided to take the "awesome" responsibility of being Ambassador to Rome! My oh my, what a decision to make! We all know he really wanted to be ambassador to the "Old Sod," Ireland that is! That would be right up his alley, he would feel at home there. But it was either Italy or nothing at all. Don't know what all the hullabaloo is all about, it's only a political plum reward, a thank you from the Dems for his support to the cause. That's how it works! Hear he's going to Night School to "ketch up" on his Latin and Italian.

Did you know that In Vino Veritas? I Knew That!

A boss told an employee, "I'm planning a salary increase for you."

The employee asked, "When does it become effective?"

The boss replied, "When you do!"

GOTCHA

JUMPING FOR JOY! PATTING ONE ANOTHER ON THE BACK! SMILES GALORE! What was the occasion? The Dem's in the house, the Bozos were elated in passing the "new tax bill." How about that. Won't we ever learn?

Jubilation in socking it to us again, and again...The publicans are just as bad. At this writing there is still a lot of finagling, promising, deals going on, you know, Scratch my back and I'll scratch yours kind of thing. Less spending they say, tax the gentry, inflation will soon rear its ugly head again. Boy, there sure are some do-dos down there in Washington. Smart cookies? Nay nay, more like a bunch of cookie crumbs. That gang in Boston is nothing to crow about either; a handful of little Caesars running the whole show! They all live in a different world than that of the electorate; they have no idea what's going on, do they? And really, whose fault is it?

I would prefer to have long boring sermons than to have to sit through a briefing session given by Henry Kissinger and the new Secretary of State...Good Grief! What a punishment to subject one to.

HEADLINE: "TV VIOLENCE TO BE KO'D." Now do you honestly believe that? How considerate of them. Finally there is admittance of something drastically wrong with TV programming, murder, mayhem, rape, the whole bit! And ya wonder where the kids (and adults too) get their ideas. It's about time the TV stations, clean up their act. If they don't, Washington will step in and make 'em do it. Civil Liberties are in the wings, waiting to make their move. Parents will have to do their part in all this. There must be a way to control what the kiddies are watching today, especially the younger ones. There's got to be guidance somewhere, there's got to be leadership. The government shouldn't have to step in, but they will! Mom and Dad, you're the bosses, well, aren't you? Isn't it about time you let the kids know that? And yet, there's all the x-rated tapes available for them, at the asking...Sad, Sad indeed!

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A FEUDIN' AND A FIGHTIN'...among the Bush, Campbell and B&M Families. You Betcha. The Bush Family has been making an inroad into Yankee Territory, ayupp The Campbells and the B&M crowd are up in arms, ready to do battle in the fields, on radio & TV. And you know who is going to be the winner in this showdown, the Bush family will win, hands down. Now that's my opinion. Ya can't beat or match Bush's Beans, no sirree!

AN EXCERPT FROM ST. JOE'S PARISH BULLETIN

"St. Joe's Parish on Hamilton Street in Worcester is a living, actual example of the church of the future! While Bishops scratch their head searching for the answer to the question: "What to do with so many churches and so few priests," St. Joe's parish is just two days away from a full year of living out the answer to that question. As I see it, Bishop Harrington, has, in his very own diocese, a parish which can point to and offer as proof to his Brother Bishops, that he has an answer to their burdensome worry. He can show them a tried and tested case of the "priestless parish" of the future which has not only survived and progressed as a priestless parish with lay leadership and a lay centered structure..."

Ron Fortin, Chairman

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NO ROOM in the Inn! - Yessirree, out California way there's no room in the slammer for all those who are "Picked up" for misdemeanors, so they are fining them on the spot and telling them not to do it again, whatever, shoplifting, minor traffic problems, prostitutes, whatever. They pay their fine, a slap on the bum, and are free to go and to do it all over again. The same could be happening here soon if the moolah runs out. CLOSER to home, some members of the State Police have been told to shave it off! Ayupp. No moustaches allowed. Did Wyatt Earp have one? I dunno. Lord Why Me? How about that policeman who stopped a car allegedly going 75 MPH, erratically, found out it was his boss! Oy! What to do? Just do it, that's all fella!

WE MOAN AND COMPLAIN...about potholes, dirty streets, the heat, humidity, slow service, etc. Problems that are minuscule compared to the horrendous situation in the Middle West. Let's think twice before we moan next time.

ALL THE COMFORTS OF HOME...YUPP! - Like to gamble? Trip the "Light Fantastic?" Lose, or just maybe win a few bucks? But ya can't find a babysitter? Well friends, you're in luck, but you gotta go down to Mississippi. You know, down south, grits and hog jowls and all that gourmet eating. There is a gambling casino, new, that offers a babysitting service while you gamble and go broke, you'all! They'll take your kiddies, whatever age, relocate them above the hall, where they'll be cared for; dolls, toys, fun and games will be furnished. They'll be a-funnin' upstairs while you're losing and crying your heart out downstairs. How about dem chitlins? Wonders never cease, do they? What's next, kindergarten for the kids? Maybe a short course on how to deal blackjack? What a cuckoo set-up; suppose it's better than watching TV with all those dumb programs. Or is it? What a world we live in.

There was a church down in Minnesota that closed down, lack of a priest. People bought the Church for a dollar and got the services of an Episcopal Priest. St. Joe's Lutheran, St. Joe's Episcopal, naw! Jest Kiddin' Bishop Harrington.

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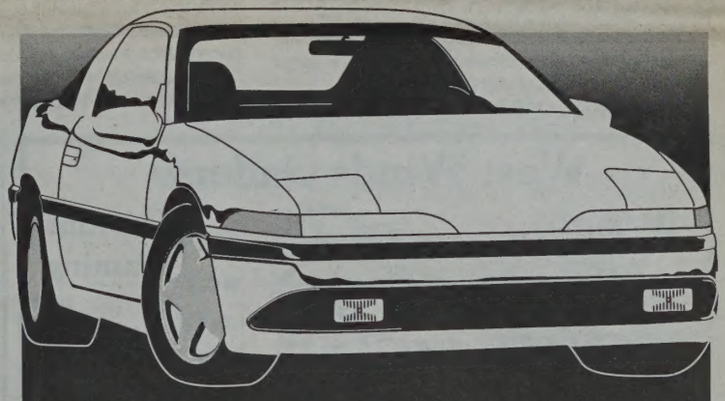

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IT STILL GOES ON AND ON. At least their talking, trying to find a solution to the problem. Why is it taking so long? Delays, postponements, why?

We refer to the problems at St. Joe's in Worcester where the good people are holding their "services" on the sidewalk in front of the church. Every evening at 7 there is the Rosary, singing of hymns, collecting the Moolah, the Million Dollars that the Bishop wants before any decision is made concerning the "re-opening" of the parish. We believe in miracles, always have, but a Million Dollar Moolah Collection is absurd, in my opinion, (which never did mean much), but as a former parishioner and supporter of the cause, I feel as though I have a right to say what I think.

The parishioners of two parishes in Spencer have been given the opportunity to vote on which church will stay open - sad that St. Joe's didn't have that same opportunity, and now to ask for a Million Dollar Fund Escrow before the church could or would reopen isn't justifiable, at all. We hope and pray that what is going on now, the meetings, etc. aren't just delaying tactics until a new bishop arrives on the scene. All this hullabaloo, publicity, bad feelings all around, could have been avoided if they had just sat down way back when, rolled up their sleeves and started talking, finding a way to keep the church open; it could have happened! The powers to be took the other route. For 14 months we partook in their journey to keep the church open: prayer, fasting, singing. We stood out on the sidewalk in front of St. Joe's the night of the Bishop's anniversary. Christ said that "Wherever there are two or three gathered in My name, there I also will be...." We believe He was just as present on the sidewalk at St. Joe's as he was present in the magnificent cathedral of St. Paul's.

God Love You All,
Joe Morin

Beacon Hill Roll Call

BOSTON - A very small percentage of the more than 8000 bills filed for consideration in 1993 have actually been signed into law. This week, "Beacon Hill Roll Call" updates legislative action and the votes of Senator Matthew Amorello (R-Grafton) and Representatives Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) and Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) on key measures which have made it through the lengthy legislative process and been signed by Governor Weld or become law over his veto.

The House and Senate continue their summer recess and are meeting only in brief, informal sessions. Formal sessions are expected to reconvene after Labor Day.

EDUCATION PACKAGE (H 1000) Approved by Senate 31-8, House 108-46 and singed by the governor was the bill overhauling the state's public education system. The measure is estimated to cost $175 million in new school aid for fiscal 1994 and some $1.3 billion by the seventh year. It requires most communities to spend more of their local revenues on schools. Other key provisions include abolition of teacher tenure and performance based testing for students. Amorello and Moore voted for the bill. Kollios voted against it.

LOCKOUT (S 1523) Senate 32-5, House 121-27, overrode Governor Weld's veto of the bill giving unemployment benefits to workers locked out by employers during a labor dispute. The override means the bill becomes law. Amorello, Moore and Kollios voted for the bill.

ABORTION (H3239) House 96-53, overturned the Judiciary Committee's unfavorable report and voted to substitute a "pro-choice" bill allowing women to have an abortion during the first 24 weeks of pregnancy without state interference. The measure also allows an abortion after the 24th week if the life or health of the mother is in danger.

The House later 83-72, amended the bill to allow abortions up to the time a fetus is determined viable or 24 weeks - whichever comes first.

The original bill prohibits the rights of a woman from being restricted by any law while the amendment allows the state to impose restrictions which are not "unduly burdensome."

The amended version was later given initial approval on a voice vote and needs further approval in the House before it goes to the Senate.

Moore did not vote on the original bill and voted in favor of the amended version. Kollios voted yes on the original bill and no on the amended version.

MASSPIRG (H 5200, S 1994) Approved by the Senate 10-19, House 93-56 was a budget amendment ending the system under which a fee for the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group (MassPIRG) is included on annual tuition bills at state colleges and universities. Currently the fee is eliminated only if students check a box declining to pay the fee. Under the amendment, the fee is not automatically assessed and students would have the option to contribute through the "positive checkoff" of a box. The amendment was part of the budget package signed by Governor Weld and it becomes effective on October 18. MassPIRG is currently attempting to collect 46,868 signatures to suspend the new law and place the entire question on the 1994 ballot for voter consideration. Amorello and Moore voted for the voluntary "positive checkoff." Kollios voted for the "negative checkoff" which assesses the fee unless a student declines to pay it.

COMING UP ON BEACON HILL

WHISTLEBLOWER (H 4919) The Public Service Committee is considering Governor Weld's "Whistleblower protection" bill designed to encourage reporting of violations of environmental laws and protect the employees who report these violations from any retaliation by employers. The bill gives employees who experience "adverse actions" within six months of reporting a violation a year to file a civil suit against their employer for job reinstatement, injunctive relief, compensatory damages and/or fines up to $10,000.

SEX OFFENDERS (H 1137) The House has given initial approval to a bill requiring that the parole board notify local chiefs of police in writing of any sex offenders being paroled into the chief's city or town. Meanwhile, the Weld administration is drafting similar legislation requiring the sex offenders to register with police departments in the community in which the offender will live upon release.

BAN CIGARETTE MACHINES (H 884) A bill outlawing the sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products in vending machines has been approved by the Health Care Committee. The bill also increases the maximum fines imposed upon any person, except a parent or guardian, who gives or sells any tobacco product to anyone under 18.

NEGATIVE POLITICAL ADVERTISING (H 4285) The Election Laws Committee has okayed and sent to the Joint Rules Committee a bill creating a special commission to study and investigate negative advertising in political campaigns. The study would also include looking into false statements made in letters, circulars and posters. The committee would be comprised of two senators, four representatives and three persons appointed by the governor who would make recommendations following the study.

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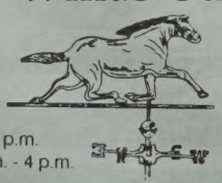

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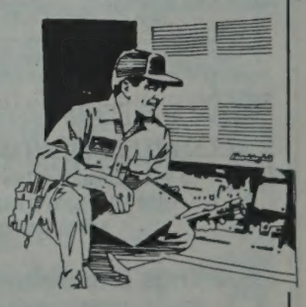

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person filling in was laid off by seniority, I don't see where the union would be in the position to grieve it."

Lachance said the letter from Local 495 states that the union has voted and ratified this agreement (for Plante's leave), and "that it's okay to make this exception."

"First of all," Odgren replied, "I don't really know if this is an exception." Choosing his words carefully and with slow deliberation, he went on, "My counsel has given an opinion that the contract is silent on this issue. The town and I don't want to infringe on the management rights of the town. Under the seniority clause, it says it's 'contractual authorized leave.' Under management rights, (the board) has authority to implement and authorize a leave. To tell you you cannot enjoy your management rights, I can't do that. We had a meeting of the union, and the membership voted overwhelmingly to support what I stated in the letter."

The letter referred to by Odgren states that he is authorized to come to an agreement with the town, if necessary, to grant Evelyn Plante a leave of absence from her bargaining unit position. This leave would allow Plante the opportunity to serve as the appointed Collector for the Town. The leave stipulated by the membership would expire under one of two following conditions:

(1) Evelyn Plante is elected to the position of tax collector for the Town of Millbury, or;

(2) Evelyn Plante is not successful in her bid for election as tax collector for the Town of Millbury, at which time she may exercise her right to enter into the position she held prior to her leave.

Lachance said it's on the record that the union has endorsed overwhelmingly the exception to the rule.

"I will not go along in stating this is an exception to a rule," Odgren said.

Kathleen Brady, of West Main St., asked if there was a rule related to this? "I don't understand the substance of this. Is there a rule on this, that it is a possible exception?"

Odgren said he believed Lachance was referring to the leave of absence clause in the contract. He said the contract states there can be a leave of absence for 30 days and another leave extension for another 30 days.

Gauthier asked if it was referring to article 30 in the contract.

Odgren said yes.

The contract reads that a leave can be granted with discretion of the department head for sufficient personal reasons, but not for personal gain or "other work." A leave without pay can be granted for 30 days with a 30 day extension by the department head.

"Our counsel states it is implied that 'other work' means outside of the town," said Odgren. "That's our legal counsel's interpretation of this."

Odgren did not address his counsel's interpretation of the phrase "not for personal gain."

Gauthier then remarked that even though it involved a different union, leaves were granted in the past to police officers who left to try outside work or training. "I am not opposed to this request," he stated.

Judy O'Connor, Director of the Council On Aging, raised a question about the board's action becoming a "past practice" as she has an employee who is now considering trying out another job to see if she likes it. "Do we have to live with this as a past practice?" she asked.

"I don't think so," Gauthier replied, suggesting that each request would be looked at on a case by case basis. "It could be a memorandum of agreement. Bob, (Odgren) you can correct me if I am wrong."

"I don't feel this is an exception," Odgren said. "You have that right to grant that leave of absence under authorized leave in the seniority clause (Art.11). I would feel more comfortable if it came under a memorandum of agreement so it would not snowball from one situation to the next."

Debbie Plante, who works in the Selectmen's office, maintained that Evelyn Plante's request for a leave would be in the best interest of the town. "If she (Evelyn) did have to return to her former position," said Plante, "she would be bringing 23 years to the position which would best serve the town. We are doing the same thing in the Town Clerk's Office. There is really no difference." (The interim Town clerk, Fran Gauthier, has not asked for a leave of absence from her former position as assistant town clerk and no one has been appointed to fill her former position.)

Lachance then noted that Picard's letter granting a leave of absence to Plante (until April 1994) came to the Board on August 19 yet the letter was dated August 10, 1993. "Why didn't we get it in our packet as usual so we, as Board members, could have considered this issue over the past weekend? It's a fair question, especially since this is a controversial item. Why wasn't this in my packet I received last Saturday?"

Chase replied, "We try to keep down the number of documents in the mail."

"I move on the appointment of Evelyn Plante," said Lachance.

Gauthier, noting that only three board members were present and that Bernie Plante would not be voting, stepped down as Chairman and seconded Lachance's motion, adding an effective date of August 30, 1993. The vote was 2-0-1. The three members present constituted a majority and a quorum, thus only two votes were needed.

"What do we do with the leave of absence, hold off until we have a full board? asked Gauthier.

"No," replied Lachance. "We have a letter from the union, one from the department head. I think everything is in place if the union has ratified this document. A vote was taken by union members to grant Mrs. Plante an exception. I have to say that as it has come to us in letter form."

Lachance then said he would move on the leave of absence.

Kathy Brady asked if any Board member was concerned about setting precedence.

Gauthier said, "I'm not."

"You don't think it will ever come up again?" asked Brady.

"Well, it may," replied Gauthier. "My personal feeling is each time it comes up we will have to look at it on an individual basis. I will not say we will do it continually. This has been the first time this has come up in this area because of all the people who have retired."

Lachance said this was one occasion where the Board has enjoyed management rights. "A lot of that has eroded over the years. We are exercising management rights as the Board of Selectmen," he said. He then asked if the department head had the right to exercise a judgment beyond what is stated in the contract of 60 days.

Gauthier replied, "No."

Gauthier then seconded Lachance's motion to grant a leave beyond the 60 days.

Odgren said he assumed the Board was right on the issue of the department head having authority to grant a leave for only 60 days.

Picard 's letter indicated he was authorizing Plante's leave until the 1994 election.

The Board voted 2-0-1, abstention by Bernard Plante, to grant Evelyn Plante a leave of absence.

Raises

Parks Department Chairman Joe Bott said his department is having a problem with the Personnel Board because they have not responded to requests to discuss a raise for a seasonal employee who has been working for four years at $6.50 per hour. The Parks Department would like to increase the hourly rate by fifty cents. "They do not respond to our inquiries," Bott said.

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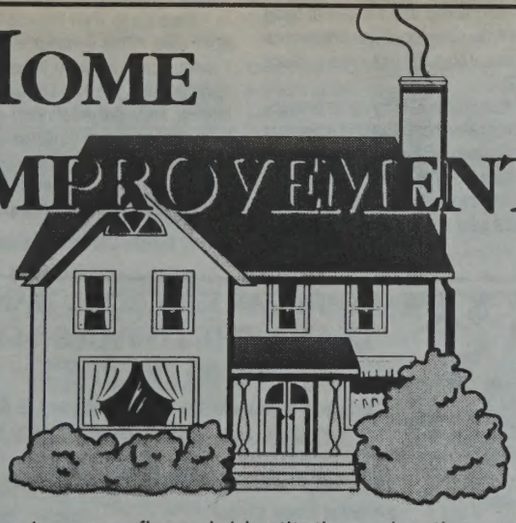

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Gauthier said the Board will get in touch with them and get Bott on their agenda.

Bott then asked how to proceed with installing lights at Thomas Morey Field on Washington Street.

Chase said the Board has considered setting up a hearing so residents in the area and the public can speak on that issue.

The board also received a petition from 11 non-union employees requesting consideration for a pay increase. The petitioners noted that the unions have received their raises and that the non union employees have not been successful in getting any response from the Personnel Board.

Gauthier said this was a matter to be addressed by the Personnel Board, the Selectmen and the Finance Committee. "Ultimately it will have to be a matter resolved at an upcoming special town meeting where other budgets may need to be adjusted now that the official cherry sheet has come in," he said.

Veterans Agent

The Board met with General Counsel for the State Office of Veterans Services, John Corey, who was introduced by Sylvio Bourdeau. Corey said he was approached by former Veterans Agent Tom Dunford and Bourdeau because the Town of Millbury has a part time agent and state law requires towns with populations in excess of 12,000 to have a full time agent.

Corey said Rep. Paul Kollios, along with the Office Of Veterans Affairs, has offered to help the Town resolve the issue.

Corey acknowledged that some towns facing fiscal constraints go with a part time agent. He also said there is a statute that gives a town the opportunity to join with another contiguous town to form a joint district to hire a full time agent to service both.

Corey emphasized that the position of Veterans Agent is one where that person should be accessible eight hours a day during regular working hours. "The job as veterans agent is one that is only limited by a lack of imagination," Corey said. "Besides veterans who may need assistance, there are widows and children, especially dependents that may need or may not even be aware of benefits or services that can be available to them. The Agent can reach out and, with imagination, do a lot to assist those in need rather than just sitting in an office waiting for people to come in or waiting for the telephone to ring."

Corey then recalled an inscription on a memorial: "A nation reveals itself not only by the character of the men it produces, but by the men it remembers." "That strikes a cord," he said.

Former veterans agent Fred Lucas spoke in favor of making the position full time once again. "An agent should be advising veterans of possible benefits available from the federal government which could save the town some funds," he said.

Tom Dunford, also a former full time agent in Millbury, noted that this was not the first time he had come before the selectmen with a plea to restore the job to a full time position. He also said he and Lucas frequently announced benefits available to veterans and dependents, which has not been done lately.

Dunford noted that previously $80,000 had been distributed to veterans who were eligible for funds and assistance. "In '92-'93," he said, "that figure dropped to $48,000. Wonderful, you saved $33,000. You should be proud of yourselves. Then you go every year and spend $10,000 on weeds at Dorothy Pond. You should be ashamed of yourselves. Maybe you don't care. Some of you maybe are not veterans."

Bourdeau said the part time veterans agent for Millbury, Phil Buso, who also works full time for the city of Gardner, works an average of seven to eight hours per week for Millbury and gets paid $11,000 for that time. He said that if Buso was to be paid on that basis for full time, it would amount to 2 1/2 times his average wage.

Gauthier said the agent puts in time outside those hours and is available for Saturdays if need be, by appointment.

Chase concurred and said Buso also takes work home, to which Bourdeau asked if there is a procedure of accountability for the hours he puts in outside his regular office hours on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Chase said there is not.

Gauthier said the Board has no intention of totally doing away with the services of the agent and had looked at possibly making that position more of a human services position. He said that with the financial constraints facing the town, efforts were made to try to retain as many full time and part time positions as possible. "That was why the agent's position was reduced to part time," he said.

Gauthier also strongly emphasized that, to the Board's knowledge, no veteran in town has ever been denied services.

The latest figures on those being serviced, according to Bernard Plante, is seven people a month, based on the warrants signed this past week by the Board.

The Board said it would work with Corey and Kollios to see if it can develop assistance with another contiguous town.

Dog Complaint

A hearing was held on a complaint by Susan Hamilton of Cherry Street over a dog owned by the Fitton family, also of Cherry Street. It was alleged that the Fitton's dog is barking at night and disturbing the peace.

There was a dispute over the issue of the dog having caused a disturbance in the past.

Millbury Police Officer Donald Desorcy said the police log shows that a complaint was called in. He said he investigated and approached the door of the Fitton house, heard a small dog barking inside but not a bark coming from a larger dog in the back yard. He said he later heard the dog barking a few seconds and described it as an "ungodly howl" that didn't last long. "I went back to their door and there was no answer," Desorcy reported. Later he recalled that a second complaint came in from the Hamiltons that the dog was barking. He said he tried to ascertain if there was a procedure for going on the property to remove the dog, but was told by Critter Control that there is no procedure in place. "There wasn't much to do but to log the complaint," he said.

Chris Balmaitis, of Critter Control, who is under a three month contract with the Town to assume some of the responsibilities of the former dog officer, said the Fittons haven't licensed their four dogs and that the kennel being operated on the property is also not licensed.

Mrs. Fitton said she was going through the licensing process and getting the dogs their rabies shots, "but getting to a vet takes time," she said.

It was also stated that the kennel being kept for the three show dogs and a doberman is in a residential area and requires a variance from the ZBA.

Mrs. Fitton said she is trying to farm the dogs out but it takes time. She also noted that in the past the town clerk's office always gave her a grace period after the original notification for license renewals went out.

Balmaitis said she is past the grace period of 30 days.

Gauthier asked the other two members of the Board if they wanted to make a determination tonight on whether or not there was a violation.

Lachance moved to table the matter to the next meeting when a full board will be present. Plante seconded his motion.

Recycling Agreement

The Board met with Board of Health (BOH) members Tom Brown and Richard Boire who were present to discuss a contract written up by Wheelabrator to recycle salvageable trash and signed by the Board of Selectmen two weeks ago.

Brown said his board is totally against the contract. "There is a question of whether it is legal or not," he said. "There is nothing concrete. To date we have not been charged (for going over the town's allotted tonnage), but that could change. The town will be growing commercially as Rte 146 is reconfigured and with the interchange. In the future there could be a value in trash recyclables which we will, as a town, lose out on. There is nothing in the contract that would allow the town to get some remuneration. It has been said it is free to us. Well," said Brown, "nothing is free. I don't see it as free, as there is a charge."

Brown also said the contract could have gone out to bid. "They (Wheelabrator) have initiated the contract with all the terms, and we have no options," he said.

Boire, noting that he was a new member of the BOH, said he was surprised the contract had been signed by the Selectmen as he read it for the first time at the BOH meeting last Tuesday. "We had not had a chance to look at the contract," he said. "It's a little unusual I think. I hope you don't do business like that. It's a 14 year contract that town counsel never looked at. Was it sent back to Wheelabrator? Is it in effect yet?"

Gauthier said the contract has not been returned to Wheelabrator and a date for implementation is not yet in effect.

"If we agree, then this can be stopped," Boire said. "This contract is for 14 years. There are costs involved. If the town gives up its recyclables, we could be giving up a lot of money. They (Wheelabrator) are going to have a hauler come in and pick up a container that we are going to have our employees watch and be sure the container is locked up at off hours. Our employees are going to be

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Palermo said they are not assigned to the hallways per se, but it is expected that they will be out in the corridors when changes in class take place.

Luikey said that is the case but there are occasions where a teacher may still be working with a child at his or her desk and may not get out into the halls. He also said there are some instances where a teacher may have permission not to be out in the hallway.

Tuttle said there is a need for better discipline at the Shaw School. "I can't believe the numbers," she said.

In response to comments from Pojani on methods used in the Worcester School System, Palermo said the numbers are not high enough in the Millbury system to warrant behavior disorder classes. "I am concerned that the numbers of disciplines are so high," he said.

Luikey said he could empathize with Palermo. "There has been a lot done already," he said. "Frank (Rogers) and I don't like those numbers."

Luikey then suggested that the entire structure of discipline from K-6 be reviewed. He also suggested that the guidance department not be left out.

Marble asked Palermo how students who are sent out from class will be handled by the principal under the new process.

Palermo said it depends on the situation. "If a student acts out, guidance would also be involved; parents may come into play."

Marble asked how this new system would be evaluated?

Palermo said the whole atmosphere of the building would be taken into consideration. "There would be qualitative data to look at as well as teacher evaluations. We will have to be creative; Guidance will have to be proactive."

Clawson asked how the tasks will be handled when the principal is out of the building.

Palermo said the head teacher will take over with a substitute in place. The head teacher would take care of classes coming in or out, supervise the cafeteria and review other issues. If a long range issue comes up, they would inform the principal. "This is a relatively small school system," Palermo said, "and if it happens to be a difficult day, Mrs. Stowe (Special Education Director) or even myself could help out. We will address needs as they arise."

Clawson asked that the reorganization, if passed tonight, be evaluated after three months. "We do not want discipline to get away from us."

Palermo said he expects the evaluation process to be a continuous one. "It is my responsibility to do that," he said.

Teacher Mary Ann Dube said the principal will be very busy if he has to deal with every discipline problem and try to evaluate teachers as indicated by the new evaluation tool.

Luikey said guidance counselors play a different role than that of disciplinarians and said the two jobs can't be blended.

He also said Principal Rogers at the Shaw School is not in favor of eliminating the administrative assistant's position as he will be "losing his right hand man."

MTA President Tom Murray said there is always concern when change is called for. He also maintained that anxiety over this issue at the Shaw school has reached a high level. He said that with these proposed changes and additional curriculum duties, there are legitimate concerns.

Murray mentioned the new education reform measure that requires school based councils to be in place 40 days after school starts and said they will be a good vehicle for studying the issues raised tonight.

Robert Luikey, a teacher in Chapter One in Worcester, said he was very upset with some of the changes he has seen over the past three years. This is all theory. I don't see how it will work out in practice," he said. "You are taking away the right arm of the principal. Let the school council that is to be set up discuss this for a year and see if it can be worked out. It bothers ne to see that a couple of school committee members use the numbers (disciplines issued) and turn them around to get rid of this position. There are probably two disciplines a day average. Kids are different today. Turn it back on to parents," he said.

Palermo responded that the proposal is not all theory. "Things have to be done on a practical level to work as a team if problems are to be solved. The teachers primary role is academic. In developing the needs of 9-10 year olds, social and emotional needs also have to be addressed. Who knows the students better than the classroom teacher? I don't see the numbers of disciplines being handed out as changing if we stay the same."

Clawson suggested that a pilot program be tried at the Elmwood School first.

Hanratty said that Elmwood has had some "extreme discipline problems" over the past several years.

Palermo said the two schools are different and it is questionable that there could be a basis for comparison.

Sports

Pojani said a score keeper who had been promised pay for one of the sports has not been paid.

Palermo said there is nothing in writing, but if there was an obligation to pay it should be cleared up.

Athletic Director Elaine Bush said she had no knowledge of the situation but had called the previous athletic director who indicated that the scorekeeper would get an award similar to what the team players get for that sport, but not money.

Hanratty asked that Bush check again with the previous athletic director and get something in writing.

Bush said that if there is to be a money settlement, then the individual will have to give back the athletic letter that was accepted.

Hanratty explained that if there is to be a money payment, it will have to be done through a town meeting vote as it would be a bill for last year.

Bush was asked to check with St. Brigid's Church to see if something could be worked out with a possible conflict coming up between a scheduled game or two on the same night as the CCD program. She said something could be worked out and she will contact the Church secretary.

Union Business

A Special Education grievance was filed on behalf of three teachers who have received an additional stipend of $500 in the past.

Palermo said he would not uphold the grievance as there are now eight teachers in the SPED department and only three of the eight had received the extra stipend. The stipend, which dates back to the 1970's, was an incentive to get special education teachers to teach special education students. That no longer holds, Palermo said.

Tom Murray argued on behalf of the three teachers, citing past practice.

Hanratty attempted to seek a middle ground by asking that the matter be discussed with the representative of the teachers. He stepped down to move on his suggestion which was approved 5-0.

The Committee also heard a grievance filed on behalf of Joan Banks, the Nursery School teacher, which would put her within the present contracted union pay scale.

Palermo recommended denying the grievance, saying that she was in the last year of a memorandum of agreement with former superintendent Alfred Sylvia.

Murray argued that the teaching position she holds should have been part of the collective bargaining agreement. "There is no question as to what should be done," he said, and asked that her salary be hiked from $34,000 to the pay scale as stipulated in the contract at $36,145.

Hanratty said the issue of past practice, as brought up by Murray in the previous grievance, applies. "Past practice is a double edged sword," he said. "It's a practice that has been going on for eight years. There is room for maneuvering on both sides."

Murray said the issue could go to arbitration and he was confident of the outcome. "People I have spoken to about this issue are amazed this ever happened," he said.

The grievance was denied.

The Board approved a request from Murray on behalf of Gordon Battye for a retirement bonus. He retired last year but had not put in for a bonus as he was involuntarily retired, said Murray.

The Committee voted to place an article on the next town meeting for that purpose.

Non-resident policy

Palermo presented a draft of a proposed Non-Resident School Attendance Policy. The matter of charging tuition and how such a policy would be written has to consider the school choice regulations that could come into play. Palermo said there could be cut off dates for students who may start out the year in Millbury but later move and still want to complete the school year in Town.

Questions were raised on the acceptance of exchange students and how that would fit into a non-resident policy. Other areas questioned involved discrimination, student behavior, SPED students and foster children living with grandparents.

Hanratty said that if a child sleeps in Millbury, it has been a policy to allow school attendance.

Pojani suggested that Palermo check with other towns on their policies and also with legal counsel through the MASC.

Palermo presented a request from a teacher employed in Millbury to allow her child to attend school here for medical reasons. He noted that if the committee approves the request, other teachers could come forward.

The Committee approved Palermo's recommendation to deny the request, indicating it doesn't follow the school district's non-residence attendance policy.

Smoking Policy

The Committee reviewed the impact of a new state law banning smoking by any person on school grounds or at school activities. The major concern involves how the policy will be put into effect and what penalties will be meted out for both students and employees of the school district.

Hanratty suggested a warning be issued at first with an attempt to help the individual get help to stop smoking.

Palermo said only a handful of individuals smoke. "There needs to be a progressive policy," he said, "and regulations in the enforcement of the state law that takes precedent over any other collective bargaining issues."

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watching it during the hours of 7:00 to 3:00 p.m. daily. For 14 years we will be using our employees to do all that. Things change over 14 years. We will have no control over the contractor they contract with. We don't know who they are. There is no control over them whatsoever. Who knows in 14 years what recyclables will be worth? A few years ago paper wasn't worth anything, now you can sell it. I think this contract needs discussion and review before it becomes official. Can a Board sign a contract when there is a potential cost, without a budget?"

Gauthier said he spoke with Town Counsel last night. "He has no problem," Gauthier said. "The contract is fine. The contract becomes null and void when it becomes a fee. All contracts are subject to appropriations. If no funds are appropriated, the contract is no good. That goes with anything the town does."

Boire asked if Counsel or the town has any problem with the town's employees working to watch recyclables under Wheelabrator? "Does anyone have a problem with the weighing of the recyclables by somebody else (Wheelabrator)? We will have no control over anything," said Boire.

Dick Jacques, of Millbury Ave, asked if the town's allotted tonnage had increased over the years?

Gauthier said it has not since the contract was signed for twenty years at a tonnage allotment of 11,315 tons per year. He also explained that this agreement with Wheelabrator under discussion tonight deals only with recycling.

George D'Auteuil, owner of Frank Rubbish Removal and a strong opponent of the agreement signed by the selectmen, asked who is in charge of handling the waste stream for the town. "Back some time ago," he said, "the Board of Health stood right here and were charged by the Board of Selectmen to handle the waste stream of this community. This is a puzzle to me as a taxpayer and a hauler as to know who I am to turn to for answers. You're told to go here or to go there. No one wants to cross paths. It's a fact that one hand does not know what the other is doing."

D'Auteuil said he has no problem with Wheelabrator but does have a problem with the recycling contract. "We, the town, didn't listen to people before nor to surveys done. We have had a problem with tonnage and we always will. We are looking to bring more industry in to town. If anyone wants to look at the SEA consultant's survey, I have it right here. In 1984 they suggested that we increase our tonnage over the years. It's only common sense to want to do that. It wasn't a bad deal at the time (the original contract with Wheelabrator). We didn't know at the time that recycling would be coming into effect. We don't know if they (Wheelabrator) did know something as they are a national company across the country. If they did, they weren't about to tell us about it. It wasn't a bad deal at the time, but it wasn't the best. Their program says they are willing to adjust tonnage for every community that does recycling. Their numbers say that what we generate in trash per person is 3 1/2 lbs per person daily which gives us 7,665 tons for residential trash. We were told the most we need is 4000.

"What town officials need is more information," D'Auteuil continued. "They are not getting enough information before doing things." He also questioned the definition of solid waste. "Solid waste is the ultimate disposal of refuse that cannot be salvaged or recycled. So that means solid waste has nothing to do with recycling," he said, because at the point of being a recyclable it (refuse) becomes a salable commodity. They (Wheelabrator) are not doing anything to make refuse recyclable. We, the public, are doing all the work. No one in this building or at Wheelabrator is doing it. It's the people and the haulers. The people are being educated by the local haulers, not Wheelabrator or the town. This is a matter that is more complex than is realized. It concerns me. As to the statement of no charge for the stuff: no one does anything for nothing. What has happened is, pitting business against business and boards against boards."

D'Auteuil then questioned who was going to monitor the recycling? "All communities have a charge back," he said. "I don't think any other community has a contract. All have a tipping fee. We don't. We get a credit, that's a charge. Why recycle? Where is the gain? There is no sense to recycling. It's not right. There is no responsibility to the taxpayers."

D'Auteuil also asked if the town would get a host tipping fee for recyclables. "Will the fees go up over the next 14 years? Is the hauler going to be protected if fees go up? There is nothing in writing. They can do it any time they want."

Gauthier said he couldn't answer those questions.

D'Auteuil said there are "too many if's and maybe's" even though up to now Wheelabrator has been gracious to the town. "Why does the town have to sign for a no charge deal?" he asked. "We have acted in good faith. Why sign a contract that they come up with that says it's free? I don't think there are too many other communities that have a contract with them."

Boire asked how the town will know if it goes over its allotted tonnage, who will say it's due to recycling, and will this cause this contract to be null and void. "How will we know?"

"Wheelabrator will tell us," Gauthier replied. He also said he talked to Wheelabrator Plant Manager Fred Confalone, "who said we would never see anything in writing."

"You don't work like that," said Boire.

Gauthier agreed and noted that in the past the town has gone over its allotted tonnage and not been charged.

D'Auteuil asked if the contract could be retracted.

Gauthier said Wheelabrator has a copy for review.

"Has it left this building (the signed copy)?"

Gauthier said it had not. "If the Board of Selectmen agrees, then it can be held up and we can look at the questions you asked."

D'Auteuil suggested the matter be tabled and looked at when the whole Board is available.

Gauthier said his point was well taken.

Lachance moved to have a representative from each Board be involved in any further negotiations. The vote was 3-0.

Boire then referred to a letter sent to haulers regarding monitoring by Wheelabrator. "The Board of Health issues permits to haulers to haul trash and the Board of Selectmen is now going to take away the permits and prosecute for violations," he said. "This confuses me as I don't know who is in charge."

Brown said the Board of Health has been monitoring at the transfer station, "and haulers have been brought in for hearings which could result in penalties of 7 and 14 day loss of privileges. We have had hearings."

D'Auteuil presented a letter he sent to Wheelabrator asking Plant Manager Fred Confalone to correct an error made by Wheelabrator over a load delivered to the plant.

D'Auteuil noted that the error, under the new monitoring regulations now in effect, could have cost him up to $120,000 for a first offense. He then asked who will be monitoring Wheelabrator. "The private sector will be determining my future," he said. "We have a million dollar transfer station. We pay our employees a decent salary. I don't understand why we (town) are not doing our own monitoring."

Miscellaneous

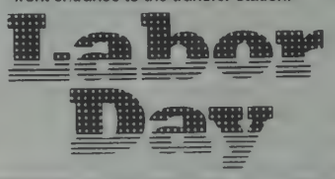
In other business, the Board approved

- a request from the Southbridge BOS to support their efforts to get a Defense Department Agency to locate in that town.

- a liquor license request from Ron Salois, Old Time Inn, for outdoor use related to an effort to raise funds for the Millbury Merchants Softball Team to go to the National Finals. This will be a one day license from noon until midnight on September 4.

Correction

Last week's story on the Board of Health should have included the name of Steve Kosiba who, along with Mike Murray, was responsible for laying wood chips along the front entrance to the transfer station.



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long standing project that former Town Administrator Dexter Blois worked on, was finished about ten days ago. The bills have been produced and issued.

Gvazdauskas asked how the bills were calculated.

Gravison explained that users pay a flat fee for up to so many gallons of water and then are charged an additional amount for use above that. He said amount is determined by meter.

Carlisle explained that the Town has agreed to handle the billing in exchange for no hydrant fee.

Town Meetings

Carlisle produced a draft of 21 articles for the Special Town Meeting to be held in September and the Annual October Meeting.

The Special Town Meeting will be held Monday, September 13 at 7:30 PM at the Sutton Elementary School.

Carlisle said because of the Educational Reform Act recently passed by the legislature, it is necessary for Sutton to hold a Special Town Meeting. Carlisle said that work has been done with the Assessors, the school administration and "there certainly is a need to return to the town meeting to have voted the correct amount called for under the reform act which is $4,959,000 for the school budget. That includes the town's contribution made through insurance and other employee benefits." The final figure to be voted on has yet to be set but will be determined soon.

Carlisle suggested that the September Town Meeting be devoted strictly to action on money articles that are past due so as to balance the budget to satisfy the schools.

Connor noted that last spring, several articles requesting funding for necessary capital expenditures dealing with replacing the aging Highway department equipment, police cruisers and painting the town hall, were not passed by the voters. "It was the understanding of the board that we would then try to look at them again," she said. Connor said the board should discuss how to approach bringing these items before the town knowing that deferring these expenditures will only make next year's budget worse.

Johnson said he felt the board should do what it can this year with the funds it has available, and, "next year is a brand new issue.... Let's take care of all the money articles at this (September) Special Town Meeting, get our tax rate set, and at the October Meeting that the Charter provided for was to take care of non-money articles."

"As an aside," Carlisle stated, "from what work that we completed so far, the town has very, very little capacity left if it can satisfy the requirements of the Educational Reform Act. So if we want $320,000, and we have to otherwise account for another $150,000 on school spending that we have to add to the

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budget somehow either through employee benefits that we're already paying - a paper computation - or actually adding cash to the budget, there are only so many places that cash can come from. Sutton has been very frugal over the years, and you don't have many places to go so your available funds are limited to about $20,000 from Stabilization (fund) and whatever is going to occur in a taxing capacity because of new growth and that computation." He said if any new money is voted on articles proposed at the September meeting, that amount "goes onto this year's tax rate recap and is settled. If you hold them for October, which Mr. Johnson is opposed to doing, because as the Charter says it is primarily a non-financial meeting, then it will go into the Fiscal Year 1995 budget," Carlisle said.

Connor said that the selectmen and the Finance Committee felt that many of these articles, namely the highway department equipment, painting the town hall, and the cruisers, were necessary. She asked what options the town has in funding these expenditures. She said she did not want to go through the year without giving voters the opportunity to consider them again.

"These five articles you just talked about," Gvazdauskas observed, "were a vote by the people, and they voted 'no' and told us that at the Annual Town Election. Now, you're trying to circumvent what the people have said. I'm trying to understand what you're saying. It was voted (down) by the town election." He said people should now again have a vote on the items.

Connor agreed saying that the voters would have to approve the funding because she felt the town would not have the money to fund the items. "If you had the money in the budget, I would be ecstatic and I would feel perfectly comfortable having town meeting vote to spend it because people didn't vote not to spend it (on the five items), they voted not to raise their taxes to spend it, under the circumstances that they were presented. Is there any hope that we would have enough money in the budget to borrow to do some of them?" she asked Carlisle.

"Borrowing, for this amount of money, would generate a very small interest payment, virtually nil. Principal would fall in the years ahead," Carlisle explained.

Connor explained to Gvazdauskas that she would like an opportunity to talk with the department heads before the selectmen set the warrant for the September Town Meeting.

"I'm saying the people have already spoken on these issues," said Gvazdauskas. "These are five override questions that were defeated on the annual ballot."

"They said, 'We do not want an override to pay for these things,'" Connor said. "We do not know that they said, 'We don't want to paint the town hall; we don't want another cruiser.' They said, 'We don't want an override,' and also a lot of people felt it was too early to have to vote for an override." Connor said the selectmen always have the right to go back and ask residents again if they want to fund projects.

Carlisle said that he did speak to Highway Surveyor Ray Smith and Police Chief John Annis, and they wanted their items included on the September warrant. The items requested are: a cruiser, two dump trucks and a backhoe.

Gravison suggested that the Finance committee be given an opportunity to recommend these items and be invited to discuss them with the selectmen. He noted that the selectmen's failure to do this in the past has caused some concern.

Gvazdauskas said that residents have already voted against funding these items because there are no funds for them, and it appears as though there are still no funds for these items.

In a matter related to article 2 of the warrant which would allow the town to pay negotiated raises, Gvazdauskas noted, "I thought when we ratified the contract, it was up to the town to vote the approval. Now we're spending the money on a contract that the town has not voted to fund."

Connor explained that it is her belief that if the town does not vote to fund the new contract, then the town would have to renegotiate the salary increases.

Gvazdauskas said that salary and wages were not negotiated until July and could not have been included in the budget that was passed in April. He said the selectmen ratified a contract, funds for which have not been approved.

Connor said that though the salary increases are already being paid, the payment does not incur an additional debt to the town, and if it is not funded then the schools would not be in session the full term.

Johnson said it is his belief that the selectmen's ratification of the contract is nothing more than an endorsement, the funds for which have to be voted by the residents.

Gvazdauskas objected to the fact that funds are being expended now.

Carlisle explained that the town has an obligation under Chapter 150 E to "do one of two things. As soon as you signed that contract, you've got 30 days to call a special town meeting and fund it, or the town goes ahead and pays the wage and submits it to the next town meeting." He added that Dexter Blois, as town administrator, issued the pay raises as of July first so that there would be no retroactive pay raises. This, he said, covers the union people, but it does not cover the non-union employees who have yet to be addressed.

Gvazdauskas asked for the final amount that the pay raises are going to cost the town.

The selectmen then continued discussing which of the 21 articles presented to them by Carlisle should be included on the September warrant and which on the October warrant. They also agreed to meet with the Finance Committee to discuss the various warrant articles.

In other action, the board confirmed the appointment of Robert Achorn to the Council on Aging.

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The Committee opted for more information and discussion. It was a consensus that everyone be made aware in advance of the full ramifications of the law and any ensuing penalties.

Chapter 70 funds

Palermo said that under the new Education Reform Act, the school system will receive an additional $127,000 this year. Those funds have to be earmarked only for education and it is possible that a maintenance of effort funding will also be required of the town. He said he spoke with Bruce Arrington, Chairman of the Finance Committee, who said he would be calling the Department of Revenue for more information on the maintenance of effort requirement.

Miscellaneous

- The Committee awarded a contract for roofing a section of the high school to the lower bidder, Titan Roofing, for $32,000.

Business Manager Sue Pierce said another roof project that was delayed due to a punch list of work not done on time, was 99% complete. She said the final payment will be held off until the architects sign off that the work has been done satisfactorily. She also noted that the manufacturer will not submit a signed warranty until he is satisfied as well. She said she expected that to be settled within a week as they will be on site with the architect and the roofer to inspect the roof.

- The Committee approved a recommendation from Palermo to allow parents of three students to have a Home School Instruction Permit. Palermo said he reviewed the programs offered by the parents and said they are satisfactory and fulfill the requirements of the law.

- Palermo said he has sent letters of commendation to teachers who have outstanding records of attendance. He said he has reviewed areas of concern with teacher absences with the principals.

- Terry Hamilton was appointed as a permanent substitute for grade 8 in a position held previously by teacher Dave Wilbur.

Medical Supplies

Palermo reported that legal counsel for the Committee has indicated that ADP, a medical supply company from California, is looking to settle the issue of over shipment and ordering of medical supplies last year by Athletic Director Dave Wilbur.

Palermo said that $23,000 in medical supplies will be shipped back and the billing last year for an additional $14,000 in medical supplies will not be paid by the school district.

Meetings

The committee agreed to hold some meetings in other media centers besides the high school. A meeting in September will be held at the Shaw media center and one in October at the Elmwood St. School to allow residents in those areas easier access. The Committee agreed to meet at 6;30 p.m. prior to its business meeting at 7:15 to walk view the condition of the buildings. The meetings will be held on the 4th Wednesday in September at Shaw and the 4th Wednesday in October at Elmwood St.

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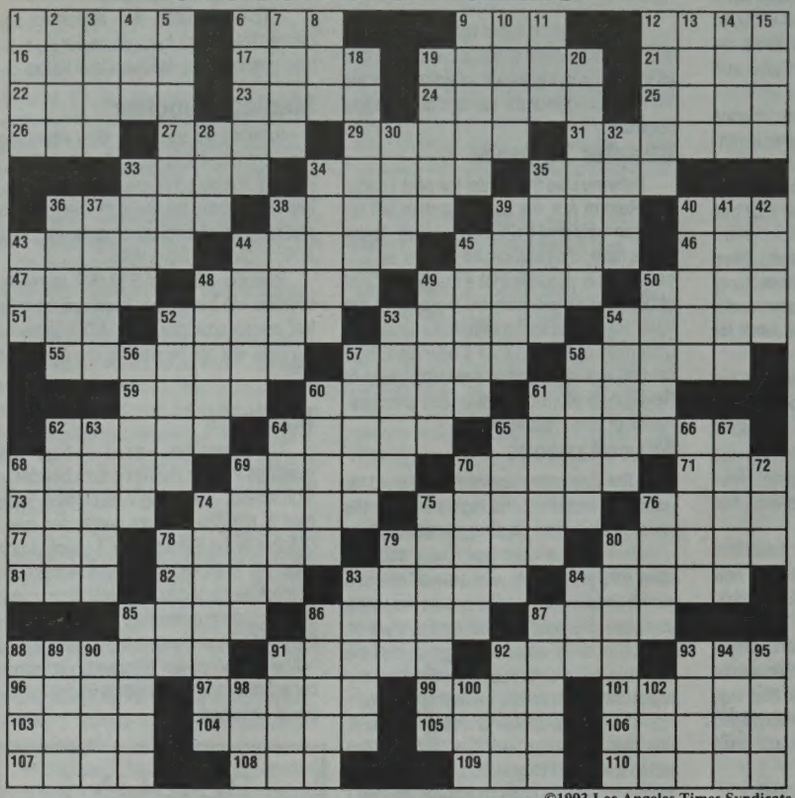

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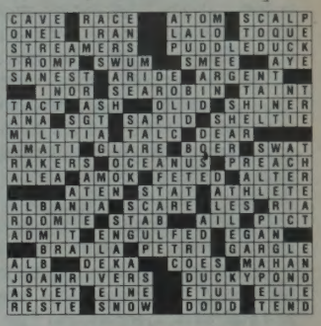
7 Pinnacle
8 Seventeenth letter
9 Foe
10 Christie or Karenina
11 Dip flax
12 Nettle
13 Swear
14 Pro —
15 Stratagem
18 Curtain material
19 Publicist
20 Fourteenth & twelfth letters
28 Affix
30 Analgesic plant
32 Inspiration
33 Retired batters
34 Equine neckpieces
35 Zero
36 Japanese poetic style
37 At hand
38 Punctuation mark
39 Chopped up
40 Dazzle
41 Eighth letter
42 Helper
43 Critter's cry
44 Pago Pago location
45 Loudonville, NY college
48 Fourth letter
49 Stroke of luck
50 Stun
52 Rectifier
53 Onward
54 Inasmuch as
56 Sifter
57 High-flown
58 Gaffe
60 Prunes
61 Monk's cowl
62 New student
63 Religious leader
64 Formal doctrine
65 Musical drama
66 Playful mammal
67 Simple
68 Snare
69 Scowls
70 Pillowcases
72 Expend
74 Malt drink
75 Dandyism
76 Jumble
78 In dreamland
79 Hideout
80 Fifth letter
83 Interlocks
84 Boston Red —
85 Building girder
86 More lucid
87 Anwar of Egypt
88 Deprivation
89 Border on
90 "Utopia" author
91 Sixth letter
92 Puccini heroine
93 Wing: Prefix
94 Vestige
95 Actress Balin's namesakes
98 An FDR VP
100 Sea bird
102 I love, Lat.

SOLUTION
TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE



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CROSSING GUARDS: Safety Officer Ronald E. Richard has two (2) crossing guard positions available in the Town of Millbury. Crossing guards are needed for ten (10) hours per week, beginning in September. Pay rate is $5.53 per hour.

Anyone interested please contact either the Safety Officer or Joan Raymond at 865-3521, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Bureau of Resource Protection
Division of Water Pollution Control
Central Regional Office
75 Grove Street
Worcester, Massachusetts 01605

Pursuant to Chapter 21, Section 43 of the Massachusetts General Laws and Regulations 314 CMR 7.00 and 2.06, notice is given of the following application to the Department of Environmental Protection for a sewer connection permit and the proposed action thereon:
CITY/TOWN OF: SUTTON
PROJECT NAME: EXTENSION FOR DAVID RAJOTTE
APPLICANT: DAVID RAJOTTE
LOCATION: BUTTONWOOD AVE.
PURPOSE: EXTENSION FOR ONE RESIDENCE
TRANSMITTAL NO.: 47424
PROPOSED ACTION: TENTATIVE DETERMINATION TO ISSUE

The above application, and applicable laws, regulations and procedures are available for inspection at the above address. Comments on the proposed actions must be sent to the above address within (30) days of this notice.
James R. Fuller
Bureau of Resource Protection
DEP, Central Regional Office

September 2, 1993

Newspaper cost increase

Effective September 1, 1993, the annual subscription rate to the Millbury Sutton Chronicle will increase to $8.00 per year. The newsstand rate will increase to .35 per copy

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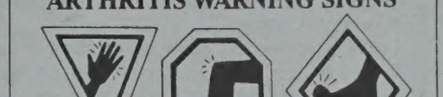

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From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

One of our guests, a teenager, complained of being cold, so I suggested that he sit in front of the wood stove and stick his feet in the oven. He didn't, and I think he missed out on a great experience. It has gotten me to thinking of many such events that we are missing in our modern world.

When I was growing up, we went "down-east" or "down-home" to New Brunswick, Canada every summer to my Aunt Marion's farm. There, I had many wonderful experiences that you can only get on a farm, such as drinking out of a dipper from a pitcher pump. When we tried to point out the big dipper to my grandsons, they didn't even know what a dipper was.

I remember riding on top of a load of loose hay, digging clams and steaming them on an outside fire, and eating choke-cherries until they made you sick. I also recall turning the separator until the bell stopped ringing and the cream came out one place and the skim milk another, and it was mixed with feed and garbage for the pigs. We now pay good money for skim milk.

The list could go on and on. Of course, there are many things that our young people are experiencing that I may never get to know. I marvel at watching them with their computers. Camping is one way they can enjoy some of the experiences of the simple life of their forefathers. In the Old Testament, there was a Feast of Tabernacles in which they would erect booths where they lived for a week to remember how their ancestors wandered in the wilderness. When I look out on the woods, it reminds me of God-fearing people who cleared the land, planted crops, built cities and gave us the wonderful land we enjoy today. Amen.

Off to college

LEWISTON, ME - Scott M. LaPierre, son of Arnaud and Carol LaPierre of 100 Wheelock, Rd., Sutton, is entering Bates College as a first-year student. He is a graduate of St. John's High School.

Executive Director Appointed

MILLBURY - Janet L. Cassidy was appointed to the position of Executive Director of the Millbury Housing Authority, effective August 1. She replaces Irene B. Sullivan who recently retired.

The Board of Directors of the Authority said Cassidy was one of three qualified candidates presented to the Board by the Screening Committee.

Cassidy began working for the Housing Authority in October, 1986, as a general office clerk and was later promoted to Secretary/Tenant Coordinator. She recently received her certification as a Public Housing Manager (PHM) from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

Cassidy is a lifelong resident of Millbury and lives with her family on South Main Street. She is the daughter of Charles and Virginia Norbeck, also of Millbury.

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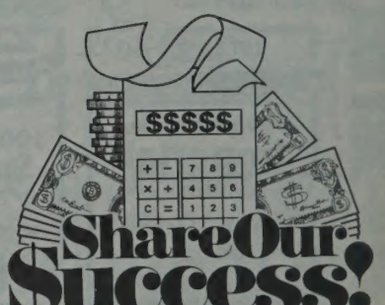

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